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I-81 SOUTHBOUND IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CLOSED DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS

STAUNTON – 11:50 P.M. – Both southbound lanes on Interstate 81 in Rockingham County remain closed after a tractor trailer accident, which occurred around 10 p.m. The accident is at mile marker 238.7 which is between exit 240 at Mount Crawford and exit 235 in the Weyers Cave area. Traffic is being detoured off I-81 at exit 240 taking Route 257 to Route 11 to Route 256 and re-entering I-81 at exit 235.

A medical helicopter has which was at the accident site earlier has left the area.

Crews are now working on straightening the bent wheel axels of the tractor trailer enough to move the truck. The truck is reported to be loaded with copper.

Both lanes are expected to remain closed until approximately 1 a.m. This timeframe can change depending on the progress of the work.

Motorists should expect delays in the area.

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